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In this April 15, 2010 file photo, the Capitol is seen in the background, as Tea Party demonstrators gather at Freedom Plaza in Washington. Can you trust Washington? Read more on Page A4

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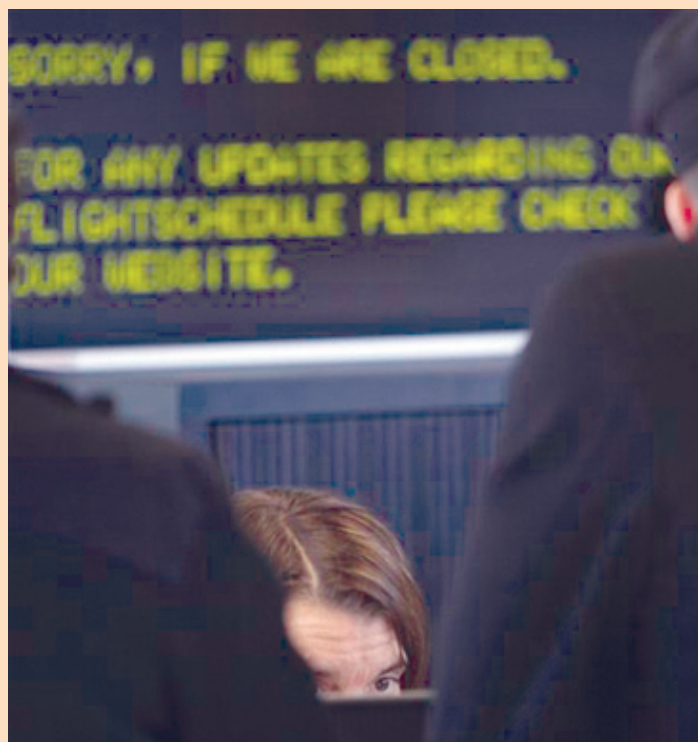
PENALTY WIN



Jim Furyk holds the trophy on the 18th green after his playoff win at the Verizon Heritage golf tournament, Sunday, April 18, 2010, in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Furyk finished 13-under for the tournament. Read more on Page A12

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An employee of a Dutch airline looks at her screen at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sunday April 18, 2010. Air France says it's safely carried out a test flight over France for the first time since a volcanic ash plume shut down aviation over Europe. European airlines are pushing national regulators to reopen airspace across Europe, saying the ash appears to have diminished enough to make flying safe. Dutch airline KLM said it safely flew aircraft without passengers through a window in the cloud of volcanic ash over Europe Sunday, and pressed for an end to the total ban on commercial air traffic that has paralyzed travel across the continent.

Associated Press

EU says half of normal flights may run Monday

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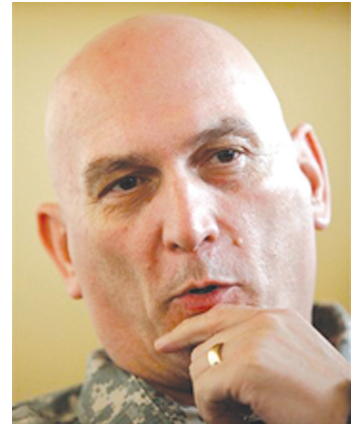
AMSTERDAM (AP) — Volcanic ash has thrown global travel into chaos, but if weather forecasts confirm the skies over Europe are clearing, air traffic over the continent could return to about 50 percent of normal levels on Monday, the European Union said.

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Top general says U.S. withdrawal from Iraq on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — The planned withdrawal of nearly 45,000 U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of August is on track in spite of a recent increase in attacks by militant forces, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq said Sunday. Army Gen. Ray Odierno said that al-Qaida's strength in Iraq is steadily degrading. Unless there's a dramatic and unforeseen change in the security situation, the U.S. troop drawdown will go ahead as scheduled, he said. There are now about 95,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, according to Odierno. The U.S. plans to cut that number to 50,000 by Aug. 31, when it will end combat operations.

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In this Jan. 2, 2010 file photo, Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, talks to the Associated Press during a visit to soldiers at Forward Operating Base Cobra in the Diyala province, north of Baghdad, Iraq. The senior U.S. general in Iraq since 2008 will be succeeded by a leading Pentagon general at the end of the summer, military officials said Monday, April 12, 2010. Associated Press

Polish leader buried in ceremony of patriotism

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Associated Press Writer

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) — Tens of thousands of Poles bade farewell to President Lech Kaczynski at a state funeral filled with pomp, pride and an outpouring of patriotism that his divisive and unpopular leadership had never generated. Mourners applauded and chanted "We thank you!" as the caskets bearing Kaczynski and his wife, Maria, were carried slowly past pale-toned Renaissance buildings for burial among kings and poets in the ancient Wawel Cathedral on Sunday.

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“I fully expect us to be at 50,000 by the first of September,” Odierno said on “Fox News Sunday.” As part of an agreement with Iraq, the U.S. will withdraw all forces by the end of 2011. Odierno’s remarks came as he prepared to leave Iraq at the end of the summer as part of a scheduled rotation. His replacement will be Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, the staff director for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Associated Press reported last week. The announcement has not been formally made by the Pentagon. “Nobody has contacted me yet about leaving,” said Odierno, who has been the senior U.S. commander in Iraq since 2008. A wave of deadly bombings in and around Baghdad following Iraq’s disputed March 7 parliamentary



In this March 7, 2-1- file photo, a U.S. Army soldier from B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment stands guard in Mosul, north of Baghdad, Iraq. Army Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq says the planned withdrawal of nearly 45,000 U.S. troops by the end of August is on track despite a recent increase in attacks by militant forces. Associated Press

elections raised doubts about whether Iraqi security forces were prepared to protect the country as American forces began to leave. But Odierno described al-Qaida in Iraq as an enemy on the run. The number of attacks and casualties to civilians and military personnel dropped in the first three months of 2010, he said. “Iraqi security forces are now in the lead at going after al-Qaida,” he said. Neighboring Iran continues to play a destabilizing role, providing lethal aid and training for insurgent elements, Odierno said. Asked if he’d like the authority to go into Iran and take out the training camps, he said he doesn’t think it is necessary to conduct such operations. “I think what’s more important is to build up the Iraqi capability to protect their own homeland,” he said.

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Fee-weary air travelers get a break - for now

HARRY R. WEBER

AP Airlines Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. airlines never met a fee they didn't like. Until now, it seems.

Five major carriers on Sunday agreed not to follow the lead of a small Florida airline that plans to charge for carryon bags. Their commitment comes just in time to keep travelers from running for the exits during the peak summer flying season, but it is doubtful that it marks a change in strategy.

Airlines are going to tack on every fee they feel they can get away with because it bolsters their revenue stream while allowing them to keep base fares lower. They just don't feel like passengers will tolerate losing their sacred free carryons — at least not right now.

The promise to New York Sen. Charles Schumer from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, US Airways and JetBlue Airways comes despite the fact that some of those same airlines are expected to report first-quarter losses next week. They were stung by higher fuel prices and the heavy February snowstorms.

Ancillary fees for air travel — including baggage fees, reservation change fees and other miscellaneous operating revenue — have been piling up.

For U.S. carriers they totaled \$1.95 billion in the third quarter of 2009, roughly 36 percent higher than for the same period a year earlier. For 26 large U.S. airlines, those fees made up 6.9 percent of their total operating revenue in the third quarter of last year, according to the most recent

government data available.

But major carriers risk alienating customers if they follow Spirit Airlines' lead and impose a fee on carryon bags. In August, Spirit will begin charging customers up to \$45 to place a bag in an overhead bin.

Other fees haven't stopped people from flying, but many can be avoided. Carryon bag fees would be hard to avoid.

"We believe it is something that's important to our customers and they value, and we will continue making that available to them at no charge," American Airlines spokesman Roger Frizzell said. It wasn't clear how long the five airlines had pledged not to charge for carryons. Frizzell couldn't say, and a spokesman for Delta declined to comment.

Schumer and five other Democratic senators support legislation that would tax airlines if they charge carryon bag fees.

Schumer said the legislation will move forward until it becomes clear that no airline will institute the charges. He will have an uphill battle changing the minds of Spirit executives when he meets with them soon.

Spirit CEO Ben Baldanza told The Associated Press on Sunday that his airline is moving ahead with its carryon bag fee.

"Our plan was never predicated on anyone matching us," Baldanza said. "The fact that other people are saying they won't has never changed our view that this is right."

He said his competitors' decision actually puts pressure on those airlines because Spirit has lowered its fares more than the price of the



new fee. "We knew we took a risk with this strategy, but we believe on balance it's one that our customers will buy into," Baldanza said.

Analysts expect several major carriers to get back in the black in the current quarter — the second quarter — and in the second half of the year, thanks to the summer and holiday travel rushes. They wouldn't want anything like an uproar over carryon bag fees to keep passengers from flying.

Even so, for the financial improvement airlines have seen to be sustainable, revenue needs to keep rising — either through higher fares, more fees or both — and airlines need to better position themselves in case fuel prices spike even higher.

On the last day of the first quarter — March 31 — the price of a barrel of oil closed at \$83.76, more than 68 percent higher than on the same day a year earlier.

That means if major carriers don't charge for carryons, they could increase existing fees or institute new fees altogether.

Any way you cut it, that adds up to less money in the pockets of U.S. air travelers.

"As a practical matter, as industry conditions change and if profitability is further challenged, we're likely to see some sort of price increase," aviation consultant Mark Kiefer said.

In this Dec. 21, 2009 file photo, passengers wait to check in at Logan International Airport in Boston. Five major airlines have agreed not to follow Spirit Airlines in instituting fees for carry-on luggage, and New York Sen. Charles Schumer said he was hopeful other carriers would follow suit. Schumer said Sunday, April 18, 2010 that he had received commitments from American, Delta, JetBlue, United and US Air.

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Poll: Majority lacks trust in federal government

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 80 percent of Americans say they can't trust Washington and they have little faith that the massive federal bureaucracy can solve the nation's ills, according to a survey from the Pew Research Center that shows public confidence in the federal government at one of the lowest points in a half-century.

The poll released Sunday illustrates the ominous situation facing President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party as they struggle to maintain their comfortable congressional majorities in this fall's elections. Midterm prospects are typically tough for the party in power. Add a toxic environment like this and lots of incumbent Democrats could be out of work.

The survey found that just 22 percent of those questioned say they can trust Washington almost always or most of the time and just 19 percent say they are basically content with it. Nearly half say the government negatively affects their daily lives, a sentiment that's grown over the past dozen years.

This anti-government feeling has driven the tea party movement, reflected in fierce protests this past week.

"The government's been lying to people for years. Politicians make promises to get elected, and when they get elected, they don't follow through," says Cindy Wanto, 57, a registered Democrat from Pennsylvania who joined several thousand for a rally in Washington on April 15 — the tax filing deadline. "There's too much government

in my business. It was a problem before Obama, but he's certainly not helping fix it."

Majorities in the survey call Washington too big and too powerful, and say it's interfering too much in state and local matters. The public is split over whether the government should be responsible for dealing with critical problems or scaled back to reduce its power, presumably in favor of personal responsibility.

About half say they want a smaller government with fewer services, compared with roughly 40 percent who want a bigger government providing more. The public was evenly divided on those questions long before Obama was elected. Still, a majority supported the Obama administration exerting greater control over the economy during the recession.



In this April 15, 2010 file photo, a couple participate in the Tax Day tea protest in New York. Can you trust Washington? Nearly 80 percent of Americans say they can't and they have little faith in the massive federal bureaucracy solving the nation's ills, according to a new survey from the Pew Research Center that shows confidence in the federal government at one of the lowest points in half century.

Associated Press

"Trust in government rarely gets this low," said Andrew Kohut, director of the nonpartisan center that conducted the survey. "Some of it's backlash against Obama. But there are a lot of other things going on."

And, he added: "Politics has poisoned the well."

The survey found that Obama's policies were partly to blame for a rise in distrustful, anti-government views. In his first year in office, the president orchestrated a government takeover of Detroit automakers, secured a \$787 billion stimulus package and pushed to overhaul the health care system.

But the poll also identified a combination of factors that contributed to the electorate's hostility: the recession that Obama inherited from President George W. Bush; a dispirited public; and anger with Congress and politicians of all political leanings.

"I want an honest government. This isn't an honest government. It hasn't been for some time," said self-described independent David Willms, 54, of Florida. He faulted the White House and Congress under both parties.

The poll was based on four surveys done from March 11 to April 11 on landline and cell phones. The largest survey, of 2,500 adults, has a margin of sampling error of 2.5 percentage points; the others, of about 1,000 adults each, has a margin of sampling error of 4 percentage points.

In the short term, the deepening distrust is politically troubling for

Obama and Democrats. Analysts say out-of-power Republicans could well benefit from the bitterness toward Washington come November, even though voters blame them, too, for partisan gridlock that hinders progress.

In a democracy built on the notion that citizens have a voice and a right to exercise it, the long-term consequences could prove to be simply unhealthy — or truly debilitating. Distrust could lead people to refuse to vote or get involved in their own communities. Apathy could set in, or worse — violence.

Democrats and Republicans both accept responsibility and fault the other party for the electorate's lack of confidence.

"This should be a wake-up call. Both sides are guilty," said Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill. She pointed to "nonsense" that goes on during campaigns that leads to "promises made but not promises kept." Still, she added: "Distrust of government is an all-American activity. It's something we do as Americans and there's nothing wrong with it."

Sen. Scott Brown, a Republican who won a long-held Democratic Senate seat in Massachusetts in January by seizing on public antagonism toward Washington, said: "It's clear Washington is broken. There's too much partisan bickering to be able to solve the problems people want us to solve."

And, he added: "It's going to be reflected in the elections this fall."

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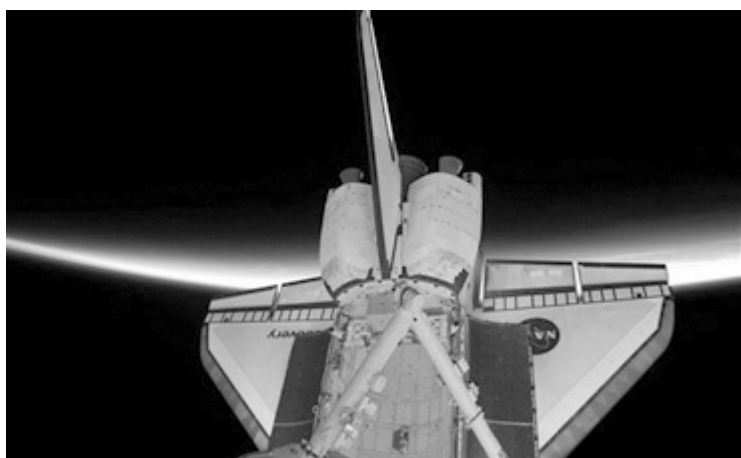








NASA to astronauts: Rain delays likely for return



In this April 13, 2010 file photo provided by NASA the space shuttle Discovery intersects the thin line of Earth's atmosphere photographed by an space shuttle crew member while Discovery remains docked with the International Space Station. NASA is already warning the space shuttle astronauts to expect rain delays as they get ready to come home. Discovery and its crew of seven are scheduled to land Monday morning, April 19, 2010 in Florida. Associated Press

MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — NASA warned space shuttle Discovery's astronauts Sunday to expect rain delays as they wrapped up their two-week mission and got ready to come home. Discovery and its crew of seven were scheduled to land Monday morning at NASA's Florida spaceport. Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter said Sunday that he enjoys spending extra time in orbit and doesn't mind if Discovery can't make it back to Earth until Tuesday. Mission Control promised to keep monitoring the weather in case the forecast improved. In the worst case, Discovery could always aim for the backup landing site in Southern California on Tuesday. Poindexter and his crew are returning from the International Space Station after stockpiling it with supplies, science experiments and extra spare parts, including a tank full of ammonia coolant. It took three spacewalks to install the tank.

Providing Florida's weather cooperates, Discovery will crisscross much of the United States during re-entry, zooming in from the Pacific Northwest. For safety reasons, NASA typically prefers to bring a space shuttle home from the southwest, up over the South Pacific, Central America and the Gulf of Mexico. It's a lesson NASA learned the hard way in 2003, when Columbia shattered over Texas during re-entry. All seven astronauts were killed, but remarkably, no one was hurt on the ground by the wreckage. Since then, only one other shuttle mission has ended with a continental flyover, back in 2007. Before Discovery's April 5 liftoff, NASA altered the flight path to maximize the astronauts' work time in orbit without wearing them down. The rare U.S. flyover — weather permitting — was going to provide a streaking light show for those beneath the flight path. For Monday's first landing opportunity at 8:48 a.m. (1248 GMT), Discovery would zoom over British Columbia and Alberta, swing

down over Montana and the Dakotas, and pass over Sioux City, Iowa, and the middle of Missouri. Then it would come down over the eastern border of Arkansas and Tennessee, then over northeastern Mississippi and Alabama, southwestern Georgia and almost directly over Jacksonville.

The second opportunity, 1½ hours later, would have the shuttle crossing over Washington state and passing over more of the heartland.

Flight director Bryan Lunney said it should be an impressive sight, with the shuttle visible from the ground for as long as a couple of minutes. And then there's the mighty sound. In 2007, the shuttle's sonic booms could be heard almost as far north as Nebraska, he said.

Of course, a landing in California would scratch all this.

Discovery has enough supplies to remain in orbit until Wednesday. Regardless of when the shuttle returns, the volcanic eruption in Iceland and cloud of ash over Europe will pose no concern, Lunney said. The shuttle won't be anywhere near that part of the world during re-entry.

Only three shuttle flights remain. Pilot James Dutton Jr. said that was on his mind as he flew Discovery away from the International Space Station on Saturday.

"Definitely as we were backing away from the space station yesterday, there were a lot of oohs and aahs on the flight deck," Dutton told The Associated Press in an interview. "It was just absolutely beautiful to see that manmade creation up there, floating above the Earth." He added: "The shuttle has made a huge contribution to space exploration."

The astronauts said they've been keeping up with news about NASA's change of course. President Barack Obama outlined his exploration plans during a visit Thursday to Kennedy Space Center, promising astronauts

would head to an asteroid by 2025 and Mars by 2035.

"It's cool to think that we're back in the exploration business," astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger told the AP. Metcalf-Lindenburger, 34, a

former high school teacher, said she's from a generation that did not get to witness the Apollo moon landings. So she was excited about the previous administration's effort to return astronauts to the lunar surface.

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THE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS IN AMOUNTS (AFL)

	2009	2008
Total Assets	1,287,305,000	1,258,198,000
Total Customer Deposits	1,126,780,000	1,103,174,000
Total Loans and Advances	765,608,000	749,865,000
Shareholders Equity	117,575,000	113,610,000
Net Profit After Tax	35,574,000	38,685,000

THE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS IN PERCENTAGES (%)

Growth in Total Assets	2.3%
Growth in Total Customer Deposits	2.1%
Growth in Loans and Advances	2.1%
Growth in Net Profit After Tax	-8.0%

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AP Exclusive: Taliban say buildup under way

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban are moving fighters into Kandahar, planting bombs and plotting attacks as NATO and Afghan forces prepare for a summer showdown with insurgents, according to a Taliban commander with close ties to senior insurgent leaders.

NATO and Afghan forces are stepping up operations to push Taliban fighters out of the city, which was the Islamist movement's headquarters during the years it ruled most of Afghanistan. The goal is to bolster the capability of the local government so that it can keep the Taliban from coming back.

The Taliban commander, who uses the pseudonym Mubeen, told The Associated Press that if military pressure on the insurgents becomes too great "we will just leave and come back after" the foreign forces leave.

Despite nightly raids by NATO and Afghan troops, Mubeen said

his movements have not been restricted. He was interviewed last week in the center of Kandahar, seated with his legs crossed on a cushion in a room. His only concession to security was to lock the door.

He made no attempt to hide his face and said he felt comfortable because of widespread support among Kandahar's 500,000 residents, who like the Taliban are mostly Pashtuns, Afghanistan's biggest ethnic community.

"Because of the American attitude to the people, they are sympathetic to us," Mubeen said. "Every day we are getting more support. We are not strangers. We are not foreigners. We are from the people."

It is difficult to measure the depth of support for the Taliban among Kandahar's people, many of whom say they are disgusted by the presence of both the foreign troops and the insurgents. Many of them say they are afraid NATO's summer offensive will accomplish little other than

trigger more violence.

Mubeen said Taliban attacks are not random but are carefully planned and ordered by the senior military and political command that assigns jobs and responsibilities to its rank and file. The final arbiter is the Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar, who heads the council, or shura, that decides strategic goals which are passed down the ranks to commanders in the field, he said.

"We are always getting instructions from our commanders, what suicide attacks to carry out, who to behead if he is a spy," Mubeen said, gesturing with a maimed hand suffered during fighting in 1996 when the Taliban were trying to gain control of the capital of Kabul.

Then, like now, his enemies were members of the Northern Alliance, dominated by Afghanistan's minority ethnic groups and returned to power by the U.S.-led coalition following the Taliban's collapse in 2001.

Mubeen, a native of Zabul province, worked with the



In this April 15, 2010 file photo, U.S. soldiers arrive at the scene after a car bomb exploded outside a hotel in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar. The Taliban are moving fighters into Kandahar, planting bombs and plotting attacks as NATO and Afghan forces prepare for a summer showdown with insurgents, according to a Taliban commander with close ties to senior insurgent leaders. NATO and Afghan forces are stepping up operations to push Taliban fighters out of the city, which was the Islamist movement's headquarters during the years it ruled most of Afghanistan.

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Taliban's civil aviation minister, Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor, during the Taliban's five-year rule. In the final days before the Taliban abandoned

Kandahar in 2001, Mubeen played a crucial logistical role, helping move weapons and supplies to hideouts outside the city.



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Normal Flights

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The prospects for a return to normal air travel remained far from clear, however.

Several major airlines safely tested the skies with weekend flights that did not carry passengers. Germany temporarily loosened some airspace restrictions before the EU announcement Sunday evening, allowing limited operations from some of its largest airports before closing them again Sunday evening. Other countries enforced closures on their national airspace through late Sunday, Monday or even Tuesday as meteorologists warned that the airborne ash was still unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

The shutdowns imposed after an Icelandic volcano begun erupting Wednesday have stranded millions of travelers. They are costing the aviation industry, already reeling from a punishing economic period, at least \$200 million a day, according to the International Air Transport Association.

EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas told reporters in Brussels that “it is clear that this is not sustainable. We cannot just wait until this ash cloud dissipates.”

Diego Lopez Garrido, state secretary for EU affairs for Spain, which holds the rotating EU presidency, said that “now it is necessary to adopt a European approach” instead of a patchwork of national closures and openings.

“Probably tomorrow one half of EU territory will be influenced. This means that half of the flights may be operating,” Lopez Garrido said about conditions Monday.

France’s transport minister, Dominique Bussereau, said there will be a meeting on Monday of European ministers affected by the crisis to coordinate efforts to reopen airspace.

Regulators need to take into account that airlines from Holland to Austria flew successful test flights on Sunday despite official warnings about the dangers of the plume, Lopez Garrido said.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said that by midday Sunday it had flown four planes through what it described as a gap in the layer of microscopic dust over Holland and Germany. The ash began spewing from an Icelandic volcano Wednesday and has drifted across most of Europe, shutting down airports as far south and east as Bulgaria.

Air France, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines also sent up test flights, although most traveled below the altitudes where the ash has been heavily concentrated.

National air safety regulators have the right to close down a country’s air space in cases of extreme danger. But they can also grant waivers to airlines to conduct test flights or to ferry empty airliners from one airport to another at lower altitudes not affected by the main ash clouds. Kallas called the problems spawned by the eruption unprecedented and said there were no EU-wide rules for handling such a crisis.

Kyla Evans, spokeswoman for the European air traffic control agency Eurocontrol, said earlier in the day that it was up to national aviation authorities to decide whether to open up their airspace. The agency’s role was to coordinate traffic once it was allowed to resume.

“But there is currently no consensus as to what consists an acceptable level of ash in the atmosphere,” said Daniel Hoeltgen, a spokesman for the European Aviation Safety Agency. “This is what we are concerned about and this is what we want to bring about so that we can start operating aircraft again in Europe.”

KLM said its received permission from Dutch and European aviation authorities for planes of various types to fly the 115-mile (185-km) flight from Duesseldorf in western Germany to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport at an unspecified normal altitude above 10,000 feet (3,000 meters). They did not encounter the thick though invisible cloud of ash, whose main band has floated from 20,000 to 32,000 feet, the height of most commercial flight paths.

The announcement of successful test flights prompted some airline officials to wonder whether authorities had overreacted to concerns that the tiny particles of volcanic ash could jam up the engines of passenger jets. The possibility that the ash had thinned or dispersed over parts of Europe heightened pressure from airline officials to loosen restrictions.

“With the weather we are encountering now — clear blue skies and obviously no dense ash cloud to be seen, in our opinion there is absolutely no reason to worry about resuming flights,” said Steven Verhagen, vice president of the Dutch Airline Pilots Association and a Boeing 737 pilot for KLM.

Meteorologists warned, however, that the situation above Europe remained unstable and constantly changing with the varying winds — and the unpredictability was compounded by the irregular eruptions from the Icelandic volcano spitting more ash into the sky.

KLM’s first test flight was Saturday and the airline said it planned to return more



A British Airways 747 plane takes off from London’s Heathrow Airport on a test flight to gauge the impact of the volcanic ash cloud on flight safety, Sunday April 18, 2010. The airline says the Sunday night flight will travel over the Atlantic and then return to a maintenance base in Wales to check for damage.

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planes without passengers to Amsterdam from Duesseldorf on Sunday, planning to bring the total number of flights to 10 by the end of the day. Engineers immediately took the aircraft for inspection as they landed.

“We hope to receive permission as soon as possible after that to start up our operation and to transport our passengers to their destinations,” said Chief Executive Peter Hartman, who was aboard one of Saturday’s flights.

Air France said its first test flight Sunday, from Charles de Gaulle airport to Toulouse in southern France, “took place under normal conditions.”

“No anomalies were reported. Visual inspections showed no anomalies,” Air France said in a statement soon after it landed. “Deeper inspections are under way.”

It did not say how high the planes had flown.

Germany’s Lufthansa flew 10 empty long-haul planes Saturday to Frankfurt from Munich at low altitude, between 3,000 and 8,000 meters (9800 and 26000 feet), under so-called visual flight rules, in which pilots don’t have to rely on their instruments, said spokesman Wolfgang Weber.

“We simply checked every single aircraft very carefully after the landing in Frankfurt to see whether there was any damage that could have been caused by volcanic ash,” Weber said. “Not the slightest scratch was found on any of the 10 planes.”

German air traffic control said Air Berlin and Condor airlines had carried out similar flights.

Air Berlin, Germany’s second-biggest airline, said it had transferred two planes from Munich to Duesseldorf and another from Nuremberg to Hamburg without problems on Saturday. They flew at 9,840 feet

(3,000 meters).

A technical inspection of the aircraft after landing “did not reveal any adverse effects,” the company said.

Air Berlin Chief Executive Joachim Hunold declared himself “amazed” that the results of the German airlines’ flights “did not have any influence whatsoever on the decisions taken by the aviation safety authorities.”

Businessman Niki Lauda said Sunday that his Fly Niki airlines planned a test flight from Vienna to Salzburg. Austrian Airlines spokesman Martin Heheman said it was flying an Airbus A320 to the southern city of Graz, where the plane will undergo a technical check to see what if any effects the volcanic cloud had. If none, three more test flights from Graz to Vienna are planned.

Austrian Airlines spokeswoman Pia Stradiot, when asked if the firm thought the flights were safe, said: “That’s exactly what we want to test and this is why we are immediately checking the planes after they land.”

Rognvaldur Olafsson, a spokesman with the Civil Protection Agency in Iceland, said Sunday the eruption is continuing and there are no signs that the ash cloud is thinning or dissipating.

“It’s the same as before,” he said. “We’re watching it closely and monitoring it.”

The British Meteorological Office said there was no way to be certain that areas clear of ash will remain that way. The cloud “won’t be present at all parts of the area at risk at all times, you can see clear area, but it will change, it won’t stand still,” said meteorologist John Hammond.

The Met Office said the ash reached up to 20,000 feet, but that the grit also was dropping to low levels in some places and settling on the ground in parts of

southern England.

The Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation began allowing flights Saturday above Swiss air space as long as the aircraft were at least at 36,000 feet (11,000 meters). It also allowed flights at lower altitudes under visual flight rules, aimed at small, private aircraft.

Ash and grit from volcanic eruptions can sabotage a plane in various ways: the abrasive ash can sandblast a jet’s windshield, block fuel nozzles, contaminate the oil system and electronics and plug the tubes that sense airspeed. But the most immediate danger is to the engines. Melted ash can then congeal on the blades and block the normal flow of air, causing engines to lose thrust or shut down.

Scientists say that because the volcano is situated below a glacial ice cap, magma is being cooled quickly, causing explosions and plumes of grit that can be catastrophic to plane engines, depending on prevailing winds.

Normally, a volcano spews out ash to begin with and then it changes into lava, but here it continues to spew out ash, because of the glacier,” said Reynir Bodvarsson, director of Swedish National Seismic Network. “It is very special.” Bodvarsson said the relative weakness of the eruption in Iceland also means the ash remains relatively close to the earth, while a stronger eruption would have catapulted the ash outside of the atmosphere.

In 1989, a KLM Boeing 747 that flew through a volcanic ash cloud above Alaska temporarily lost all four motors. The motors restarted at a lower altitude and the plane eventually landed safely.

Polish leader

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"Poles finally appreciate him," said Ryszard Stolarski, 56, one of many weeping mourners. "I never imagined that Poland would honor Kaczynski in this way."

Many world leaders, including President Barack Obama, could not be there because their travel plans were wrecked by the enormous plume of volcanic ash that blanketed Europe.

The funeral came eight days after the Polish air force Tupolev 154 crashed on approach to Smolensk, Russia. The worst tragedy to strike Poland since World War II killed the first couple and 94 other people, including top civilian and military leaders.

In some ways the tragedy, and Russia's response to it, appear to have begun the long process of finally healing wounds that have soured the two nations' relations for decades.

Kaczynski, a lifelong skeptic of Russia and fervent anti-communist dissident, had focused on building closer ties to the United States, advocating for a U.S. missile defense base in

his country. But even as president he sometimes pushed diplomacy aside to sharply criticize Russia. Yet since the plane crash Kaczynski has become an unwitting catalyst for new words and gestures of trust between the long-divided Slavic nations.

Kaczynski's fatal flight, which investigators have said was likely caused by pilot error, was meant to take him to a memorial for 22,000 Polish officers murdered by Stalin's secret police in 1940, killings known as the Katyn massacres and intended to wipe out Poland's brightest and best. The patriotic Kaczynski wanted to honor them and push Moscow to do more to acknowledge the Soviet crimes, which Moscow had blamed on Nazi Germany during the communist era, a cover-up often known as the "Katyn lie," and given little attention since.

After the plane crash, Kaczynski's body was recovered by Russians. The normally stoic Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin set the tone with an outpouring of emotion. And during Sunday's Roman Catholic funeral Mass, a Russian Orthodox priest also prayed over the caskets.

And though many world leaders, including Nicolas Sarkozy of

France, were kept away by the travel chaos caused by Iceland's volcano, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrived on a jet to pay his respects at the state funeral in the 13th-century St. Mary's Basilica.

Poland's acting president, Bronislaw Komorowski, told the congregation during the lavish state funeral for the first couple that Kaczynski's death has created hope that "we will all know the truth about the Katyn massacre."

Krakow Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz acknowledged those new ties, saying the tragedy had given rise "to many layers of good between the people and nations."

"The sympathy and help we have received from Russian brothers has breathed new life into a hope for closer relations and reconciliation between our two Slavic nations," Dziwisz said. "I direct these words to the president of Russia."

It was Medvedev's first visit to Poland, and before returning home he declared that the two nations are taking a "step into the future."

"Tragedies can bring out difficult emotions, but very often they bring people closer and I believe



Polish Army generals and priests walk in front of military vehicles with coffins of the late Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria during a funeral procession on Sunday, April 18, 2010 in Krakow, southern Poland.

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that that is what the residents of my country and Poles need," Medvedev said.

The rhetoric wasn't always so conciliatory.

In particular, during the 2008 war between Russia and Georgia, Kaczynski had made it clear that his loyalties were with Georgia and its president, Mikhail Saakashvili.

During the conflict he traveled to Georgia and at a mass rally accused Russia of wanting to return to the "old times" of dominating the region. "Our

neighbor thinks it can fight us. We are telling it no," Kaczynski told the rally alongside the leaders of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Ukraine, all former Soviet republics.

He later declared Russia's policy "imperialist and revisionist" in a joint statement with the Baltic countries.

Those words appeared forgotten Sunday, as did Kaczynski's more combative positions. He was a conservative nationalist, winning the hearts of many older Poles and war veterans.




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"The Hustler" and "Bonnie and Clyde" editor **Pioneering film editor Dede Allen dies at 86**

LOS ANGELES – Dede Allen, the film editor whose pioneering work on movies like "The Hustler" and "Bonnie and Clyde" brought a new approach to shaping the look and sound of American movies, has died. She was 86.

Allen died Saturday at her home in Los Angeles days after suffering a stroke, her son Tom Fleischman told The Los Angeles Times.

With "Bonnie and Clyde" in 1967, Allen became the first film editor to receive sole credit on a movie. She was nominated for Academy Awards for that movie, 1975's "Dog Day Afternoon," "Reds" in 1981 and "Wonder Boys" in 2000.

Allen was the first American to embrace European methods of editing by beginning sequences with close-ups or jump cuts and using the sound from the next shot while the previous scene was still playing.

Greg S. Faller, professor of film studies at Towson University in Maryland, said "The Hustler"

and "Bonnie and Clyde" "must be considered benchmark films in the history of editing."

Many of her techniques are now standard in modern filmmaking.

"It's hard to see the changes she made because most of what she did has been so fully embraced by the industry," Faller said.

In "Dog Day Afternoon," she used a staccato tempo, sometimes called shock cutting.

"She creates this menacing quality by not cutting where you'd expect it — she typically would cut sooner than you might expect," Faller said. "You weren't ready for it."

Allen edited or co-edited 20 major films over four decades. She was most closely identified with directors Arthur Penn, Sidney Lumet and George Roy Hill and actor-directors Paul Newman, Warren Beatty and Robert Redford.

Dorothea Corothers Allen was born in Cincinnati Dec. 3, 1923. She attended Scripps College in Claremont but left school to take a job as a messenger at Columbia Pictures. She started out working



on television commercials before getting her first big break in the late 1950s editing Robert Wise's "Odds Against Tomorrow."

In 1994, Allen received a career achievement award given by American Cinema Editors. In November 2007 she received the Motion Picture Editors Guild's Fellowship and Service Award.

In addition to her son, Tom, she is survived by her husband of 63 years, Stephen E. Fleischman, daughter Ramey Ward, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Escalante's 'genius' celebrated at East LA funeral



LOS ANGELES – The funeral for "Stand and Deliver" math teacher Jaime Escalante has drawn some 600 family and friends, including Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and actor Edward James Olmos.

Olmos led the Saturday service at East Los Angeles College. He helped make Escalante famous when he played him in the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver."

Olmos said Escalante was "a genius in teaching, but he was a saint when it came to empowering students."

The funeral began with a procession from East LA's Garfield High School, where Escalante inspired struggling students to excel at advanced math and science.

Escalante's wife, two sons and family members from his native Bolivia were also at the service.

Escalante died March 30 of cancer at age 79.

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Slow show reveals crisis impact on Abu Dhabi property

ABU DHABI – A subdued opening to the “Cityscape Abu Dhabi” property show on Sunday underlined the impact of the global financial crisis and a shift in emphasis to the completion of projects already launched.

“All projects are under construction” read a gigantic billboard put up by a major property developer on the road leading into Abu Dhabi -- to give the impression of business as usual.

The four-day show has drawn 250 exhibitors from 35 countries. But business has changed dramatically from the pre-crisis era, when property developers in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), mainly Dubai and later Abu Dhabi, would sell massive projects off plan within hours of their being announced.

No new projects appear likely to be announced at the show, which features dozens of glitzy models of projects announced during the

Dubai-led property boom, which burst spectacularly in autumn 2008. Among them stands a huge scaled-down model of Abu Dhabi as it would look in 2030, if the government’s masterplan keeps to schedule.

“A lot of the schemes announced over the past four to five years have been slowed down,” said Mark Morris Jones of research firm CB Richard Ellis, noting that developers have been looking at balancing delivery times with demand.

“We had to look into some projects as the demand in the market has changed,” said Ousama Ghannoum, marketing manager at ALDAR Properties, Abu Dhabi’s largest developer by market value.

He said developers are now focusing on “affordable housing” with less emphasis on the high-end market.

Due to Abu Dhabi’s oil wealth and a lack of newly developed



property, the crisis has not hit hard like in Dubai, where prices have halved as investors vanished and thousands of new

units went on the market.

Only nine projects, worth 491 million dollars, have been cancelled in Abu Dhabi, while 42 others, valued at 6.8 billion dollars have been put on hold, according to a study by Proleads research company, published at the show.

The study, which counts only projects with budgets of more 10 million dollars, said 307 projects, with a combined value of 153.9 billion dollars, have reached the execution stage. Another 104 projects worth 73.97 billion dollars are at a pre-execution phase, it said.

The wealthy government of the emirate, which sits on almost all the oil reserves of the UAE, plays a major role in sustaining the pace of construction as it stands behind several landmark developments.

The projects include building state-of-the-art branches for the Louvre and Guggenheim museums.

Abu Dhabi, which is the Emirati capital, is also splashing out heavily on infrastructure, which is in turn helps the economy to overcome the impact of the global crisis.

The strong financial footing of Abu Dhabi, mainly as oil prices have recovered, allows its government-linked developers to feel more comfortable than troubled Dubai firms.

“I don’t foresee that we will

face any problems in financing our projects,” said Carlos Obeid, chief financial officer at Mubadala, which is involved in grandiose projects in Abu Dhabi. He pointed out that Mubadala was in the final stages of securing a two-billion-dollar syndicated loan.

“Abu Dhabi has strong fundamentals ... Mubadala is owned by the Abu Dhabi government,” Obeid said, underscoring the comfortable position of the developer.

Jones also said that Abu Dhabi “has been insulated,” like Qatar and Saudi Arabia, in contrast to debt-laden Dubai and other property markets, thanks to their high liquidity levels.

He also pointed out the level of property supply has not been as high as in Dubai, which has also been rife with speculative investments, while demand in the capital has been less volatile.

“It is a question of supply. They (Abu Dhabi) are in a different point of development compared to Dubai, which is delivering huge amounts” of units, said Jones of the CB Richard Ellis research firm.

“They are at a different place in the cycle” of market development, since Abu Dhabi launched its major property schemes later than Dubai, whose market was opened to foreign property investors in 2002, he said.

Bernanke, Geithner to testify on Lehman next Tuesday

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will testify before Congress on Tuesday on the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers at the peak of the financial crisis.

The two, along with Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro and former Lehman Chairman Richard Fuld, will appear before the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee starting at 11 a.m. (1500 GMT)

Lehman collapsed in September 2008 after efforts to find a suitor for the Wall Street bank failed, and there has been widespread speculation that letting it fail made the crisis worse.

Geithner was then president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Both he and Bernanke, along with former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, were closely involved in the effort to deal with Lehman and ultimately with the decision to let it fail.

Controversy has swirled around Lehman since its failure and continues to do so, including its use of accounting methods that apparently masked the depth of the problems it was experiencing before it failed.

A court-appointed examiner found last month that Lehman had used an accounting device called Repo 105 for the sole purpose of manipulating its books and helping hide that it had been insolvent for weeks before its collapse. The Repo 105 transactions allowed Lehman to temporarily remove \$50 billion of assets from its balance sheet in 2008.

Schapiro sent letters to chief financial officers of about two dozen big financial firms to see whether others were using similar accounting devices.

Regulators were already under scrutiny over why they failed to detect and limit reckless lending practices before the crisis and lawmakers are expected to grill them next week on the adequacy of supervision over financial reporting.

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NBA Roundup

Lakers' inside duo overpower Thunder 87-79



Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol scores past Oklahoma City Thunder guard Thabo Sefolosha during the first half of an NBA basketball first-round playoff game in Los Angeles, Sunday, April 18, 2010.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pau Gasol scored 19 points and Andrew Bynum added 13 as the Los Angeles Lakers used their two big men to dominate inside against the Oklahoma City Thunder, winning 87-79 Sunday in the opener of their playoff series.

Kobe Bryant added 21 points on 6 of 19 shooting after missing four of the final five regular season games to rest his swollen right knee and broken right index finger.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 24 points and Russell Westbrook added 23.

Bynum returned from a 13-game absence because of a strained right Achilles' tendon, teaming with Gasol to pull down a combined 25 rebounds and deny the Thunder key second-chance baskets.

Game 2 in the best-of-7 series is Tuesday at Staples Center.

Magic 98, Bobcats 89

At Orlando, Florida, Jameer Nelson scored 24 of his 32 points in the first half as Orlando nearly blew a 22-point lead before beating Charlotte in Game 1.

Rashard Lewis added 19 points, and Dwight Howard had nine blocks but was

limited offensively and in foul trouble for most of the second half.

Gerald Wallace had 25 points, and Stephen Jackson played through a hyperextended left knee to finish with 18 points in the Bobcats' first playoff game in franchise history.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in Orlando.

Charlotte swarmed and slapped Howard on every opportunity near the rim to frustrate the Magic's All-Star center. Howard had five points and seven rebounds, and was 1 for 6 on free throws.

Davis' penalty leads to Furyk win

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AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina (AP) — Brian Davis called a two-stroke penalty on himself on the first playoff hole Sunday to give Jim Furyk a victory at the Verizon Heritage.

Davis, an Englishman who's never won on the PGA Tour, used a birdie on the 72nd hole to force the extra hole. However, Davis' approach rolled off the green of the lighthouse hole and into some rocks.

As Davis attempted to chip on, his wedge moved a loose reed in the marshy area. Davis quickly called for a rules official, who after calling colleagues to check the replay, confirmed the penalty.

"I thought I saw movement," Davis said. "It's a disappointment."

Davis conceded to Furyk before the world's sixth-ranked player putted out.

Furyk shot a 69 to finish at 13-under 271. The victory was his 15th PGA Tour win and second since March, earning him \$1.026 million. Furyk was also disappointed the splendid duel between he and Davis at the end was spoiled by a rules violation.

"To have the tournament come down that way is definitely not the way I wanted to win," Furyk said. "It's obviously a tough loss for him and I respect and admire what he did."

Davis nearly won in regulation, his approach to his final hole scaring the cup before settling 18 feet away. His birdie putt had just enough steam to drop in and force the extra hole.

Instead of riding that momentum into the playoff, his second shot rolled off the side toward Calibogue Sound and rattled around the rocks before stopping on some hard-packed sand.

That's when Davis ended the drama with his self-imposed violation, something inconceivable in most other sports, where competitors take pride in getting every edge they can. Slugger White, the PGA Tour's tournament director who administrated the penalty, said Davis' actions were appropriate for a sport based on honor. White said Furyk came to Davis after and asked if he was sure it was a penalty.

"I know I did it," White recalled Davis' response, "and I couldn't live with myself if I didn't."



Jim Furyk celebrates his playoff win with his son Tanner Furyk on the 18th green during the final round of the Verizon Heritage golf tournament, Sunday, April 18, 2010, in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Furyk finished 13-under for the tournament.
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NASCAR doubleheader at Texas postponed by rain

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — For all the talk about green-white-checked finishes in NASCAR this season, the Sprint Cup and Nationwide races can't even get started in rainy Texas.

Persistent wet weather Sunday forced the postponement of a Sprint Cup and Nationwide doubleheader until Monday.

The Sprint Cup race was called Sunday about 75 minutes after its start because of persistent drizzle and the forecast for misty conditions until

late in the evening. The race was rescheduled for noon EDT (1600 GMT) Monday.

"It is disappointing not to race, but this happens now and then," said Ryan Newman, who starts 10th a week after winning at Phoenix International to break a 77-race winless streak. "I think we are going to be good (Monday). We just have to live with it. It is part of racing."

Rain on Saturday wiped out the Nationwide race then. It had been rescheduled for Sunday night after the Cup race and will now be run Monday. About 2½ inches of rain fell at the track Saturday and Sunday. The forecast Monday calls for cloudy skies with only a minimal chance of rain.

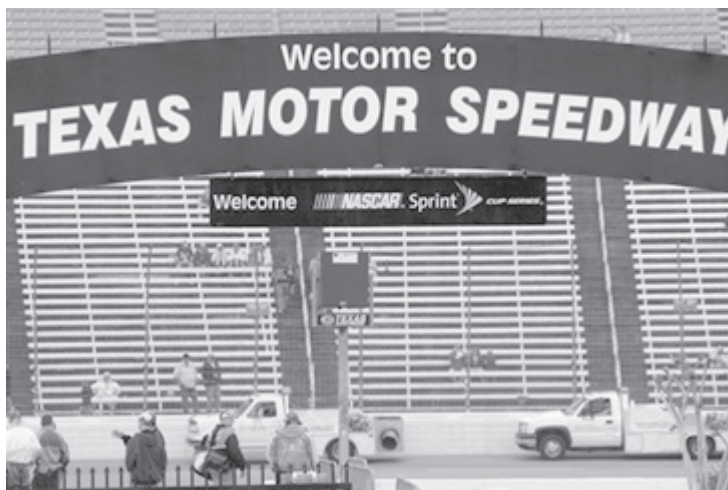
If both races are run Monday, that means 15 drivers face the potential of 801 miles behind the wheel — 501 miles in the Cup race and 300 more in the Nationwide race.

The last time there were 800 miles of NASCAR racing on one day was Oct. 11, 2003, in Charlotte, North Carolina, when both Cup and Nationwide races were run. Jamie McMurray and Michael Waltrip both ran all 534 laps that day, and Kevin Harvick ran 533. The only other time Cup and Nationwide races were run together on a Monday was in February 2008 at California.

But that day in California was only 624 miles. The final 162 laps — or 324 miles — of the rain-delayed Cup race were completed before the running of the 150-lap Nationwide race. When the Texas races were called Sunday, there was still a light mist in the area and it would have been futile to try to dry the track until that stopped. Under ideal conditions, it would take about 2½ hours to dry the 1½-mile, high-banked track. But with cloudy skies, temperatures in the 50s and high humidity, the process could have taken significantly longer.

There has never been a Cup-Nationwide doubleheader at Texas. The only time a Cup race here was pushed back to Monday was 2002, and the postponed race drew an estimated crowd of 187,000.

Fans with tickets for either race will be able to attend both Monday.



NASCAR fans stand near pit road as trucks with jet dryers attempts to dry the track at Texas Motor Speedway, Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas. Rain forced officials to cancel final practices for Sunday's Samsung Mobile 500 auto race and delayed the original start time for the Nationwide Series O'Reilly 300 auto race.

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Contador seals Vuelta de Castilla and Leon victory

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Spain (AP) — Alberto Contador of Spain clinched his third Vuelta de Castilla and Leon title by finishing safely in the pack in the race's fifth and final stage Sunday.

Portuguese rider Sergio Ribeiro won the 106.6-mile stage from Samos to Santiago de Compostela, in a sprint finale ahead of Spanish pair Alberto Benitez and Angel Vicioso. Astana's Contador did all that was required to claim the title.

Igor Anton finished second overall, 41 seconds behind Contador, while Ezequiel Mosquera took the third podium position, 39 seconds further back.

"The Vuelta has been excellent," Contador said. "The team has worked very well. It's been perfect and my legs have responded. It's been a good feeling."

The rider from Pinto, near Madrid, took control of the Vuelta in Saturday's time trial, which he won easily to take the overall lead.

Contador is the first rider to win the event three times, after victory in 2007 and 2008. This was the two-time Tour de France winner's third road-race victory of the year, after triumphing in the Paris-Nice and Vuelta ao Algarve events.

"I've felt very good both in the mountains and during the time trials," Contador said of his season so far. "I've always



Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador of the Astana team, left, adjusts his helmet before the start of the Vuelta de Castilla y Leon in Burgos, Spain, on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

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been in contention and now I've got a few wins that will keep me calm for the rest of the year."



Furyk win

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Davis finished second for the fourth time since joining the PGA Tour in 2004.

He held a one-shot lead over Furyk with four holes left when things began to go wrong. Davis had back-to-back bogeys on the 15th and 16th holes to slip behind the ultra-steady Furyk.

Furyk has also posted two seconds and a fourth since 2005 at Harbour Town.

Davis shot a 68 and, like Furyk, ended with four rounds in the 60s.

Bo Van Pelt (69) and Luke Donald (70) were two shots further back in third.

Camilo Villegas (70) headed a group another stroke behind.

The final round wasn't nearly as crazy as the third — Furyk still had the lead when he teed off on No. 1 unlike Saturday. Still, the charge was on to go as low as possible and take control.

Slocum, two behind at the start, had birdies on

the second, fourth and six holes to catch Furyk.

Former champion Aaron Baddeley tied Furyk at 11 under. But a triple-bogey 7 on No. 8 — Baddeley drove out of bounds — ended his chance of a second title.

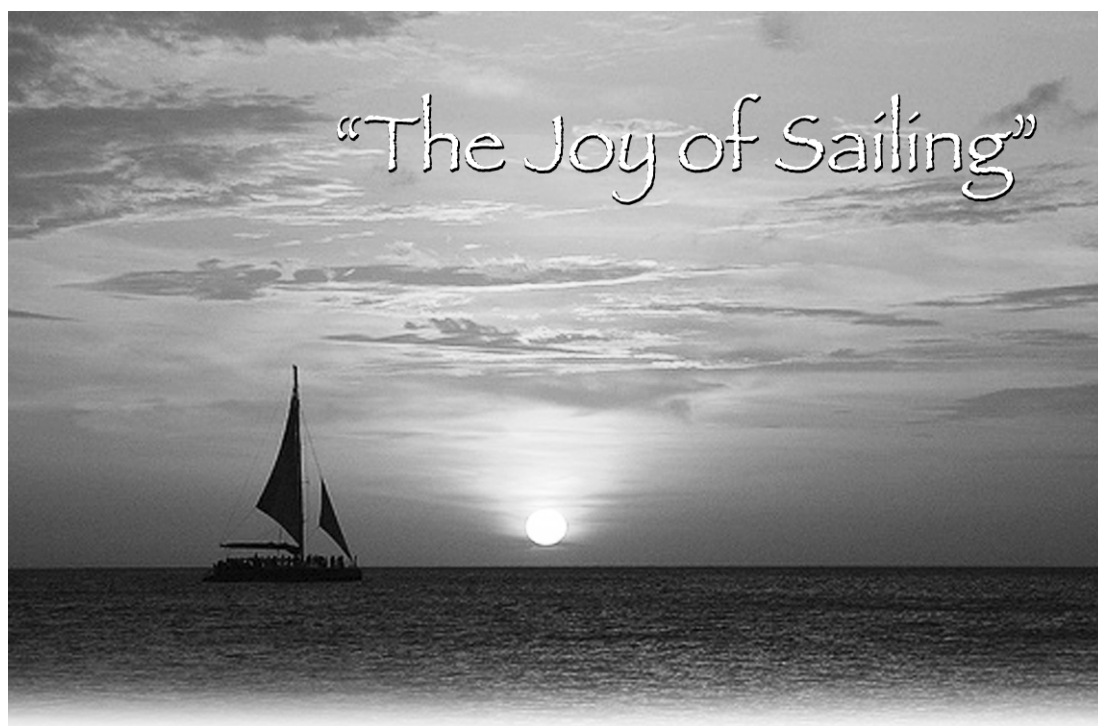
By the middle of the back nine, it was down to Furyk and Davis.

Furyk missed a 15-foot par putt on the 10th to drop into a tie with Davis, his playing partner.

The world's sixth-ranked player moved back in front two holes later with 5-footer for birdie. However, Davis caught him once more on the 13th hole after making a 12-foot birdie putt and Furyk failing to convert one from half that distance.

Davis moved in front on the par-3 14th when Furyk landed over the green, chipped 12 feet past the cup and was short on his attempt at par.

But things were again tied a hole later, as Davis didn't make a 6-foot putt to save par, setting the dramatic finish.



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Nadal wins sixth straight Monte Carlo Masters title



Spain's Rafael Nadal poses with the trophy after defeating Spain's Fernando Verdasco, during their final match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament, in Monaco, Sunday, April 18, 2010.

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JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer
MONACO (AP) — Rafael Nadal thrashed Fernando Verdasco 6-0, 6-1 in Sunday's all-Spanish final to win the Monte Carlo Masters for the sixth straight year and end his title drought.

The second-seeded Nadal clinched his first title since the Rome Masters in May last year by overpowering the sixth-seeded Verdasco with a stunning display of attacking tennis that sends out a stern warning to his clay-court rivals.

"Last year I didn't play well but won; this year the level is completely different," Nadal said. "I have been playing well since the start of the season."

After losing consecutive Masters semifinals on hard courts at the BNP Paribas Open and the Sony Ericsson Open, Nadal was

relieved to win again.

"It was a lot of work. A lot of work," Nadal said. "For sure, this year is really special for me. One of the most special because I had a little bit of a hard time for the last year."

Nadal is the only player to win six consecutive titles at the same tournament since tennis turned professional in 1968, and the 23-year-old is level with top-ranked Roger Federer on 16 Masters titles, one behind Andre Agassi's record.

"I was a little bit nervous — I didn't win a tournament for a while," Nadal said. Nadal felt he was close to his best on his favorite surface.

"Probably one of my best (performances) on clay," he said. "One of my best levels on clay for sure."

Nadal sealed the win on his first

match point with a forehand pass and fell to the ground, rolling on his back as he savored his victory.

"It was emotional for me today, it was my best week for a long time," Nadal said. "It's unbelievable, Monte Carlo is my favorite tournament."

It was Nadal's 32nd straight win at Monte Carlo since his third-round loss to Guillermo Coria in 2003, and the relief at clinching his 37th career title was evident as he sobbed into a towel when he sat down.

Although Federer was not playing at Monte Carlo, Nadal's superb win and early form on clay will make him a serious contender to reclaim his French Open title from the Swiss player at Roland Garros when the tournament starts late next month.

"If he plays like this, no one can beat him," Verdasco said. "He beat everyone in six years here and I'm just one of them."

Verdasco simply had no answers as he lost his 10th straight match to Nadal, who covered every part of the court and showed the agility, strength and powerful hitting that were his hallmarks on clay before his sudden dip last year.

"Sorry for today," Nadal said to a smiling Verdasco as the two players gave their speeches.

"I hope one day Rafa gets tired of winning here," Verdasco said. Nadal's victory moved him level with Britain's Reggie Doherty, who won the Monte Carlo event six times overall, between 1897-99 and 1902-04.

Just like in 2007 and '08, Nadal did not drop a set during the tournament, and signaled his intent early by taking Verdasco's opening service game. In the next game, Nadal's crosscourt pass stunned Verdasco and left him rooted to the spot.

"If you see the score, it's a big difference," Verdasco said. "I think he had an unbelievable day and he played really good. He played really good during the whole week, not only today." Trailing 5-0, Verdasco lay down on a towel and had massage treatment to his neck and shoulders for several minutes, and when he resumed playing he rolled his neck to loosen it up more.

"My neck got stuck in the third

game of the match," he said.

Nadal had no pity and took the opening set the following game when a forehand from Verdasco went wide.

Verdasco, who has won four career titles but was seeking his first Masters trophy, started the second set aggressively and got a huge roar when he finally held his serve.

Playing his best tennis of the match in the third game, exasperation got the better of Verdasco when Nadal returned a seemingly impossible shot with a dipping forehand crosscourt winner, and Verdasco raised his arms in mock celebration as he tried in vain to find some inspiration from the crowd.

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AL Roundup

Teixeira homers, Pettitte pitches Yanks past Texas

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Teixeira hit his first home run of the season and Ramiro Pena delivered a key single while filling in for an ailing Derek Jeter as the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Andy Pettitte (2-0) allowed four hits over eight innings as the Yankees won their fourth in a row, taking advantage of a wild Rich Harden (0-1) to hand Texas its fourth straight loss.

A notoriously slow starter, Teixeira hit a most-overdue homer. He shared the AL lead last year at 39 with Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena.

Rays 7, Red Sox 1

At Boston, Matt Garza pitched shutout ball for eight innings, and Carlos Pena and B.J. Upton each hit two-run homers as Tampa Bay continued its hot road start.

Tampa Bay is unbeaten away from Tropicana Field, winning six straight on the road during the current 10-game trip. The club record for consecutive road victories in a season is seven.

Dustin Pedroia had a sacrifice fly for Boston, which has lost four in a row. Tampa Bays can close out the four-game sweep in the traditional Patriots Day game.

Royals 10, Twins 5

At Minneapolis, Alberto Callaspo had two home runs and a career-high six RBIs as Kansas City finally built a lead big enough for its struggling bullpen to preserve.

Josh Rupe struck out Jim Thome with the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh to preserve a two-run lead, and reliever Jesse Crain served

up Callaspo's second three-run homer of the game in the ninth to put the game out of reach.

Carl Pavano (2-1) gave up seven runs on 11 hits in 3 1-3 innings against the team with the highest batting average in the American League. Luke Hochevar (2-0) gutted through six innings for the win, giving up three runs — two earned — on six hits.

Indians 7, White Sox 4

In Cleveland, Choo Shin-soo hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to lead Cleveland to its first three-game home sweep of Chicago since May 2003.

Choo went 2 for 3 with a walk, hitting his second career

slam in the second inning off Gavin Floyd (0-2). His first grand slam came against Boston's Josh Beckett on Aug. 3, 2006.

Fausto Carmona (2-0) gave up three runs over six innings for the Indians. Chris Perez came on with runners on first and third and one out in the ninth, giving up a sacrifice fly to Carlos Quentin before throwing a called third strike past Paul Konerko for his fourth save.

Orioles 8, Athletics 3

At Oakland, California, Ty Wigginton homered and drove in four runs to help Baltimore snap a nine-game skid and spoil Brett Anderson's first outing since receiving a hefty

new contract.

The Orioles avoided their first four-game sweep in Oakland since Aug. 23-26, 2004, jumping on Anderson (1-1) two days after the A's gave the pitcher a \$12.5 million, four-year contract.

Brian Matusz (2-0), like Anderson a hard-throwing lefty, delivered a much-needed morale boost for the struggling Orioles in his first career outing against Oakland. He struck out eight, allowing three runs on eight hits and one walk in 6 1-3 innings.

Angels 3, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, Ervin Santana came within one strike of a shutout as the Los Angeles Angels completed a three-

game sweep, making them 6-7 after opening the season with six losses in eight games.

Hideki Matsui had a pair of doubles and an RBI for Los Angeles, while Santana (1-2) set down 17 in a row before Adam Lind homered to right on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth.

Toronto left-hander Ricky Romero (1-1), who took a no-hitter into the eighth in his last start, allowed one run and five hits in eight innings.

Tigers 4, Mariners 2

At Seattle, young right-hander Max Scherzer pitched six solid innings, Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer into the second deck as Detroit avoided a three-game sweep.

Scherzer (1-1), the Tigers' 25-year-old starter, gave up just a pair of runs and scattered six hits as the Tigers stopped Seattle's four-game win streak.

Cabrera gave Detroit an early lead, clubbing a three-run shot in the third off Seattle starter Ian Snell (0-2). It was his third homer of the season, the ball landing 403-feet away in the second level of seats in left field.

In other AL games it was, Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 4; N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 2; L.A. Angels 3, Toronto 1; Tampa Bay 7, Boston 1; Kansas City 10, Minnesota 5; Baltimore 8, Oakland 3; and Detroit 4, Seattle 2.



New York Yankees starting pitcher Andy Pettitte delivers in the third inning against the Texas Rangers in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, April 18, 2010, in New York.

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Monday, April 19, 2010

At El Gaucho Argentine Grill Memorable wedding rehearsal party for Michael & Michelle



ORANJESTAD – El Gaucho Argentine Grill hosted a memorable wedding rehearsal party for the new Mr. & Mrs. Gallenson, both hailing from Chicago, who were married this weekend on Aruba at the Renaissance Aruba Resort.

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At the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort Young Pastry Chef Luimar Olive works wonders with desserts

DRUIF BEACH – Next time you bite into a delicious pastry at one of Divi Aruba's six restaurants, take notice, as it was made by young local talent Patry Chef Luimar Olive and his pastry shop crew. Luimar reports that Grandma, a pastry wizard, was the inspiration for his successful young career, and that at the end of his vocational high-school education on the island, as he completed five years in the culinary program, he pursued his aspirations in the Netherlands, at the College Hotel in Amsterdam where the staff is comprised of hospitality-industry students, forging careers in the hotel trade.

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Over 200 professionals, parents learn more about autism Prime Minister Eman pleased with international support

To elevate knowledge on autism in Aruba

PALM BEACH — There is a lot to be done on the field of autism treatment and care in Aruba. Yet, over 200 professionals in the medical and educative field, as well as parents have a much better idea of the latest development, treatment techniques and medical care for people suffering with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Aruba Autism Foundation this weekend organized the First International Autism Symposium Aruba, with participation of a large number of internationally recognized experts on the field of autism and aspergers detection as well as treatment.

Prime Minister Mike Eman opened the symposium, which took place in the Westin Resort by expressing gratitude toward the foundation and the organizing committee for the effort of taking on the responsibility of setting up such major event.

"As a small island we have to cope with limited resources," according to the Prime Minister, "particularly when dealing and attending with different issues that relate to medical treatment, support in cases and treatments that are still in development. A small island like Aruba too many times does not have the expertise, enough people who can assist in working with parents, with the community, schools in attending to our autistic children."

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Exploring All The Good Things Aruba Has To Offer From April 17-22

Marriott Welcomes Missouri Farm Bureau To Aruba

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PALM BEACH – A group of 52 representatives of the Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance Services was warmly welcomed to the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino on Saturday

April 17th with a welcome reception at the hotel's West Lawn. The tropical reception in the Resort's lush gardens served as the kick-off of a 5-day fun-filled program, organized by tour director

Pennie Terrell of Cornerstone Travel.

Majority of the activities over the next few days consist of island exploring, taking the group to a variety of beautiful sites and locations in Aruba. A group dinner will be held in

style on Monday night at the beachfront restaurant Simply Fish, located at the Aruba Marriott.

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Ethan Westera Receives great results in 2 overseas competitions

12-year old Aruban Windsurfer takes top honors



FISHERMAN'S HUTS - Twelve year old Aruban Windsurfer, Ethan Westera, won prizes in 2 overseas windsurfing championships this month. He participated in the Curacao Challenge competition, which took place from April 2 to 6, 2010, as well as in the France World Championship, in Hyeres, that took place from April 10 to 15.

In Curacao, Ethan won 1st place in the freestyle windsurf kids under 14 years.

At the World Championship in France, he won 3rd place Juniors under 15 years old. These are excellent results for a 12-year old! There will be more to come for this talented young boy - congratulations Ethan, to you and your proud family!

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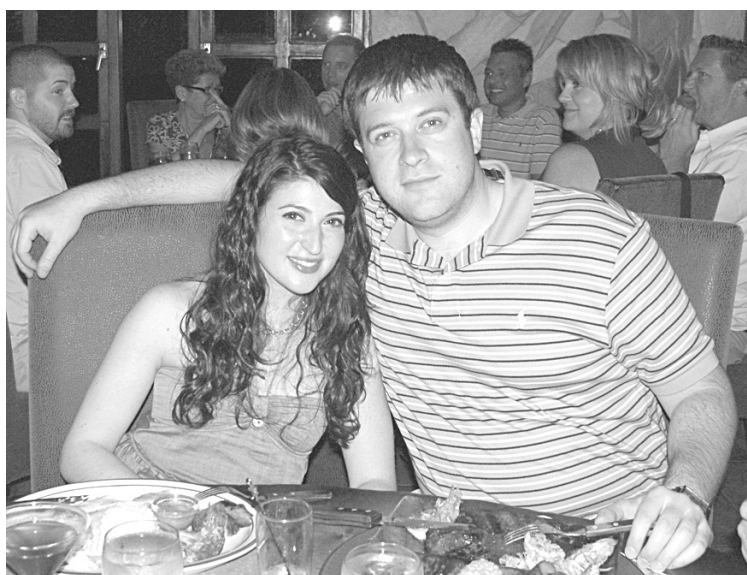
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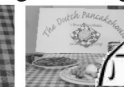


Skirt Steaks, with a beautiful Tropical Fruit Cake for dessert, over bottomless cocktails and sangria. The party in the private banquet room merged two families, as best man Daniel O'Hara and Matron of Honor Alina Henderson joined the staff at El Gaucho wishing M&M who have been coming to Aruba for many years, eternal love and happiness.



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- 1 Joke Henriquez / Annette Ybeles Smit 67.71 %
- 2 Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 62.50 %
- 3 Gerry Meenhorst / Nelly Aal 61.46 %
- 4 Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 56.25 %

RESULTS FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 2010

A total of 6 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Lorraine and Len Wright 62.50 %
- 2 Kathy Yarzagaray / Addy Eilers 53.75 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Playa Linda Resort they call their home away from home. Frances Taormina & Michael Smith were honored as

Ambassadors of goodwill after visiting Aruba for 20 years.

Pictured are Frances & Michael with Mr. Ricardo Croes and Yvette from Playa Linda Resort.

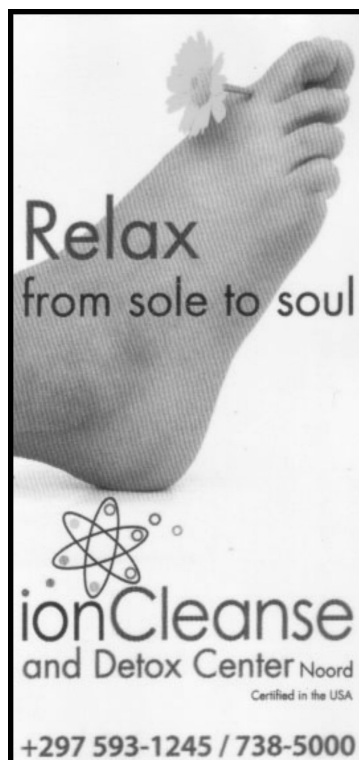
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He also said that it is during meetings like these, “when we can bring together international leaders on the matter of autism, experts in one hall to share with us their knowledge and most of all their passion to reach to anyone that struggles with autism.” The Prime Minister here referred not only to the individual who struggles with ASD but also the families and

community as a whole. “As we see with our elderly, when sometimes they get older and get mentally separated from us, it is very painful for those close to them, that they are not able to communicate, whether it is love, care or just the desire to share with those we love. When we find solutions for these communication issues, find the ways in which together we can make a difference for everyone who live within this situation, we

need to naturally to work with people who have the experience, the knowledge. This is a very special opportunity to bring people together who do not only have the knowledge but also the passion to help built those special bridges in order to reach the ones we love. He thanked the international experts for helping Aruba toward finding better ways to treat and help people with ASD and also wished the participants a fruitful meeting.

Chairperson of the Aruba Autism Foundation Monique Kuiperi was also thankful for the major response both from the speakers who traveled from the USA, Mexico, the Netherlands and Curaçao to share their expertise. She was also grateful to the organizing committee, comprising Aixa Arana, Ilienne Mansur, Helen Guda and Alice van Romondt, as well as volunteers and sponsors of the symposium. Valero Way, Rotary Club, Romar Trading, Aruba Bank, Aruba Investment Bank, American Airlines, Aruba Aoe, Office Systems



and Setar all contributed to realize the major event. Autism, according to Kuiperi, is not something parents can plan for. Medical doctors, therapists and teachers on the other hand can provide families and individuals affected by ASD with great help, when they have the necessary knowledge. They have the task to guide families in the right direction in order to offer better perspectives to people with ASD. The goal of the symposium was

just that, namely to elevate the knowledge of local and regional professionals and thus is the first step to improve service and guidance on autism here in Aruba. Monique Kuiperi said the symposium exceeded all expectation, in terms of information and commitment of the speakers, as well as participants’ determination to absorb the vast amount of data presented to them, in the lectures and workshops.

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The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches.

Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious

cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties.

Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends



the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person.

The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, please visit <http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse/>

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine

Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean



Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing

out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale.

Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistro; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogato in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite.

At the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort Young Pastry Chef Luimar Olive works wonders with desserts

Continued on from front page

Luimar reports that Grandma, a pastry wizard, was the inspiration for his successful young career, and that at the end of his vocational high-school education on the island, as he completed five years in the culinary program, he pursued his aspirations in the Netherlands, at the College Hotel in Amsterdam where the staff is comprised of hospitality-industry students, forging careers in the hotel trade. Recommended by the school's executive pastry chef, Luimar went on to work for Finca Cortesin Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort in Spain, a five star estate in the area of Malaga, where he created sweet sensations for five luxury food outlets, and where he developed additional specializations in pizza, chocolates and bonbons. Then an unexpected offer from Divi & Tamarijn lured him back to his native island last December. Luimar accepted with great enthusiasm, looking forward to the challenge of supplying the Red Parrot and the



Pelican Terrace, at Divi Aruba, as well as Ginger, Paparazzi, the Palm Grill and the Cunucu Terrace at Tamarijn Aruba, with over 1,600 desserts each day. His team tailors the desserts to the themes of the restaurants creating Italian-accented specialties for Paparazzi and Oriental-flavored treats for Ginger, while keeping in mind the diversity of guests' ages and preferences, at both resorts. Pictured here Luimar presenting Brownie My Way, a chocolate bomb layered over a brownie

cookie, with Ganache filling, under a chocolate mousse dome, sprinkled with walnuts and chocolate shavings; Tropical Blend composed of a Carrot Cake Square, streaked with icing, stacked with sliced fresh fruit, strawberry, kiwi, pineapple, and paired with a shooter of blended fruit and carrot juice; also Oriental Delight topping a 5-Spice Cookie with Coconut Mousse, a Crescent Vanilla Wafer, spooned with Pineapple Compote.

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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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with lots of entertainment around in a relaxed atmosphere. If you want to practice first you can do this at one of the 4 permanent courts at MooMba beach bar located between Holliday Inn and the Marriott. Racquets and courts available.

In the Pro both Men and Women 3 teams are in the lead so far so there will be a shift after the Alno Beach Tennis event!

For pictures, standings, information and to register go to www.arubabeachtennis.com

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As from 1 January 2011

Introduction of US dollar on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba

Information for enterprises, retail businesses and institutions



BES - In view of 10 October 2010, the date on which the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba have chosen to adopt the US dollar as their new currency. As from 1 January 2011, De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) will be responsible for payments on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. In view of this capacity, the Dutch Ministry of Finance has requested DNB to organise the transition to the new currency. Within this scope, DNB has developed a scenario for the currency changeover, which will be worked out in detail with the parties involved, like banks, enterprises and retail businesses, in the coming months. Under this scenario, every party is responsible for the necessary preparatory measures, including the costs involved, and DNB is in charge of the direction and progress monitoring.

GENERAL

The currency changeover scenario for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba is derived from the euro introduction scenario applied in the Netherlands, but adapted to the local circumstances. The scenario describes the smoothest possible way for realizing the currency

changeover, distinguishing between a cash part and a non-cash part. The key moment for the changeover will be Saturday 1 January 2011 at 00.00 hr. On that moment, the US dollar will become the legal tender on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. As from that moment, non-cash payments will only be effected in US dollars. Account balances in guilders will automatically be converted to US dollars. For cash payments on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, guilder banknotes and coins will still be accepted until 1 February 2011. After that date, the guilder will continue to be legal tender on Curaçao and Sint Maarten only. The official exchange rate at the moment of introduction of the US dollar is set at Naf 1.79 for 1 US dollar. It has been provided by law that all guilder amounts will be converted to US dollar amounts by operation of law. This implies that citizens and enterprises will not need to take action in this regard. The same holds for loan agreements, mortgages etc.

THE CASH CHANGEOVER: To promote a smooth changeover for banknotes and coins, banks shall, as from 1 January 2011, only issue US dollars, both via ATMs and counters.

Retailers are requested to make sure that as from 1 January 2011 they give back change in US dollar notes and coins only. Residents are advised first to use up their guilder notes and coins for payments on and after 1 January 2011.

When paying in shops, residents are advised not to use large quantities of guilder coins and to avoid the use of two currencies in one payment transaction.

Cash payments in guilders shall in principle be accepted until 1 February 2011.

As from 1 January 2011, cheques shall be paid out in US dollars, also when written out in guilders.

As from 1 January, cheques may only be written out in US dollars.

For a smooth changeover, it is important that the guilder has been taken out of circulation as much as possible prior to 1 January 2011. The public will be advised to exchange coins at a bank prior to October 2010 or deposit coins on an account. On 31 December 2010, there shall be a sufficient supply of dollar coins and notes (including the lower denominations) available on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. After expiry of the period during which payments can be made in either guilders or dollars, citizens shall still be enabled to exchange guilders at banks on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba against dollars, free of charge, until a date yet to be decided. From that date onwards, exchanging guilders shall be subject to the same fee as the purchase and sale of foreign currency.

THE NON-CASH EXCHANGE

On 1 January 2011 at 00.00 hr., all guilder accounts held with bank branches on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba shall

automatically be converted to dollar accounts. It will not be possible for citizens and enterprises to convert their existing accounts to dollar accounts prior to the changeover.

Enterprises and retailers shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure that they can effect all non-cash payments in dollars as from the date of the changeover.

To this end they shall make sure that their accounting systems are adjusted accordingly in time and able to work in dollars. Cash registers with pre-programmed conversion

buttons shall be adjusted.

Banks shall be ready in time for the conversion of non-cash balances to dollars and the transition of non-cash payments to the US dollar.

DNB will closely monitor the progress of the conversion to the systems.

COMMUNICATION

The success of the changeover hinges on good communication. The authorities will see to the public information. DNB will distribute information on payments. Banks, enterprises and institutions will need to inform their customers on branch-specific subjects.

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Ciudad peruana es devorada gradualmente por una mina

CERRO DE PASCO, Perú (AP) - La abertura, de más de un kilómetro y medio, crece con cada explosión y se devora lentamente esta sombría capital provincial andina.

La mina a cielo abierto de zinc y plomo, que funciona desde hace medio siglo, lanza un polvo que cubre las casas. La tierra está tan contaminada que las comunidades indígenas surgidas en las afueras de la ciudad ya no pueden cultivar papas ni lechuga. Las canillas dejan correr agua seis horas en una buena semana. El 80% del agua disponible va a la mina. A medida que el gobierno incrementa la explotación de las vastas reservas de minerales y petróleo, comunidades como la de Cerro de Pasco viven en carne propia el conflicto entre la contaminación ambiental y el empleo, el cual genera violentas protestas _algunas de ellas mortales_ desde los Andes hasta el Amazonas.

Algunos sectores afirman que la ciudad de 70.000 habitantes, uno de los primeros complejos mineros industriales del Perú, simboliza 100 años de extracción sin regulación, de desperdicios tóxicos y de toma ilegal de tierras.

“He visto cómo la mina se traga la ciudad”, afirma la legisladora de Cerro de Pasco Gloria Ramos, de 54 años, mientras observa el vacío desde una roca en lo que queda de su ciudad. “Ha habido un gran éxodo, pero los pobres siguen aquí”.

A fines de 2008, las autoridades municipales concedieron al dueño de la mina, la Compañía Minera Volcan, otras 11,33 hectáreas de tierra, incluida la plaza central y su iglesia colonial, que fue reconstruida en 1748 luego de un terremoto. La empresa había amenazado con cerrar la mina de no recibir esas tierras, dejando sin trabajo a 4.000 personas.

Por esa misma época, el Congreso había aprobado un proyecto que disponía el traslado de los habitantes de Cerro Pasco a otro sitio, pues el Centro de Control de Enfermedades de Estados Unidos había determinado que la tierra, el agua y las casas estaban saturadas con niveles tóxicos de plomo. Nueve de cada 10 niños tienen niveles altos de uno de 14 metales pesados, incluidos plomo, cadmio y arsénico, según el Centro.

Ha pasado más de un año y el gobierno del presidente Alan García no ha dicho nada sobre los 500 millones de dólares que se necesitan, de acuerdo con el gobernador regional. Las autoridades dicen que los estudios técnicos tomarán tres años y que la construcción de otra ciudad otros 10 más.

“Esto está afectando nuestra salud, especialmente la de las mujeres y niños”, dijo Ramos. “No podemos seguir viviendo en estas condiciones”.

Chávez acuerda millonario fondo de inversiones con China

CARACAS - El presidente Hugo Chávez anunció que Venezuela y China suscribieron el sábado un acuerdo de financiamiento en el que el gigante asiático aportará 20.000 millones de dólares para proyectos industriales, de infraestructura y otros sectores productivos.

“Hoy hemos firmado un convenio para un financiamiento de gran volumen y a largo plazo”, dijo Chávez en un discurso transmitido por televisión, acompañado de Zhang Guobao, ministro de la Administración Nacional de Recursos Energéticos de China y Chen Yuan, Presidente del Banco de Desarrollo de China.

El presidente chino Hu Jintao tenía prevista una visita a Caracas este fin de semana, pero fue cancelada debido al terremoto que sacudió el 14 de abril el condado chino Yushu.

“Nunca antes China, en 60 años de existencia de la república popular de China, había acordado un financiamiento de tal



Presidente de Venezuela Hugo Chavez Frías.

volumen”, dijo Chávez. “Y todo eso acordado en base a tres principios. Uno, la dualidad, dos, la planificación científica, y tres, el interés común”, destacó el presidente durante

el acto en que fueron suscritos otros siete acuerdos de cooperación en el área energética, siderúrgico, viviendas, producción de alimentos y generación de energía eléctrica.

Chávez apuntó que el fondo de 20.000 millones de dólares se suma a otro constituido hace dos años, con un monto inicial de 6.000 millones de dólares para inversión en Venezuela.

En febrero de 2009, ambos gobiernos decidieron duplicar y extender un año más ese fondo como parte de la alianza estratégica que se ha comenzado a conformar entre ambos países.

Presidente de Ecuador planea expropiación de pozos de petroleras extranjeras

QUITO (AFP) - El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, anunció este sábado que planteará una ley al Congreso para expropiar los campos de las petroleras extranjeras que se nieguen a firmar nuevos contratos, con miras a que el Estado controle la totalidad de la producción.

“Estamos mandando una ley a la Asamblea (Legislativa para) que me dé facilidades para expropiar los campos petroleros en caso de que estas petroleras no quieran firmar los nuevos contratos de prestación de servicios”, expresó el mandatario en su informe semanal de labores.

El nuevo contrato, mediante el cual Ecuador pagará los gastos de operación y reconocerá un margen de utilidad para quedarse con toda la producción, fue presentado en 2009 a las compañías extranjeras que operan en el país, como la hispano-argentina Repsol-YPF, la china Andes Petroleum y la brasileña Petrobras.

Varias empresas operan bajo acuerdos provisionales que pusieron fin al anterior modelo de participación que les permitía obtener hasta un 80% del crudo extraído. Correa, quien admitió que negocia con mano dura y acusó de estafa a las petroleras,

se refirió con tono molesto a la “situación” de la renegociación de los contratos con las compañías.

“Ya se me agotó la paciencia sobre esto. Están jugando con nosotros las petroleras; en las futuras semanas va a haber acciones muy importantes”, manifestó.

“No les tengo ninguna consideración a estas empresas, que han abusado del país”, añadió el mandatario.

Correa sostuvo que las transnacionales están “dando largas” a la renegociación y que “cada día que pasa son millones (de dólares) que entran a las arcas de esas empresas, cuando deberían entrar a las arcas del Estado ecuatoriano”.

“Me tienen molesto muchas de estas empresas”, anotó.

Ecuador, el miembro más pequeño de la OPEP, extrajo unos 466.000 barriles diarios (b/d) de crudo entre enero y febrero de 2010, de los cuales un 41% correspondió a las petroleras extranjeras.

En 2009 el país produjo unos 486.000 b/d de crudo de los cuales exportó unos 327.000 b/d, que le generaron un total de 6.284,1 millones de dólares.



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, durante un acto por el aniversario de sus tres años de gobierno, en Ambato, en Ecuador, el 16 de enero de 2010. Correa anunció el 17 de abril que planteará una ley al Congreso para expropiar los campos de las petroleras extranjeras que se nieguen a firmar nuevos contratos, con miras a que el Estado controle la totalidad de la producción.

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Adam Walton is a young dynamic entertainer.

Having toured all around the globe as a musician, singer and entertainer Adam has decided to concentrate on his favourite kind of work - piano bars! Be warned though, don't be misled by his warm humour and easy going conversation, tonight may be the night **he sets the piano on fire** again or any one of a number of other surprises he has in store for you. Adam loves to play the kind of party music that you like to hear and is constantly updating his repertoire to stay **fresh and modern**. If you ask him, Adam may well show you some magic tricks too and don't be too shocked if he puts on his roller blades and skates around the bar. It's all in a night's mayhem when Adam's in town!

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